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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

NI et al.

Application No: 09/586,530

Filed: May 31, 2000

For: ETCH ENDPOINT DETECTION

) Attorney No. LAM2P282

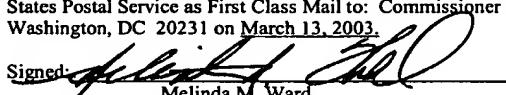
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
  - a.  Previously submitted
    - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on February 3, 2003.
    - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
    - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b.  Enclosed
    - i.  Amendment/Reply
    - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Miscellaneous
  - a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.
  - b.  Other
3. Fees
  - a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0805.
    - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
    - ii.  Extension of time fee (1 months) (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b.  Check in the amount of \$860.00.

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